



November 15, 2020

Weekly Newsletter

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“So baby, let’s sell your diamond ring
Buy some boots and faded jeans and go away
This coat and tie is choking me
In your high society you cry all day
We’ve been so busy keepin’ up with the Jones
Four car garage and we’re still building on
Maybe it’s time we got back to the basics of love”
—“Luckenbach, Texas,”
Chips Moman and Bobby Emmons

If you were to visit Luckenbach, TX, you would wonder what there is there about “the basics of love” or “feelin’ no pain.” I guess the fact that it’s out in the middle of nowhere in the hill country of Texas, where all there is to do is drink and play music, would have been the highlight for “Willie and Waylon and the boys.” No, I haven’t had this song in my head this week because it’s got the answer, but I have been captivated by the yearning spirit of wanting to get “back to the basics of love,” by the realization that something very important is missing, something that cannot be bought or written or built, something that cannot be produced or attained even though you work and work and work, only to end up feeling tired and empty.

In our sermon series on refreshment and rest, I think that is the heart of our quest: a return to what is most important, a reclaiming of the very basics of our loving relationship with Him and with others. Everything we do, as good and helpful and creative and wonderful as it may be, clouds by its very busy-ness the essence of who we are. Some things obviously cloud it more, such as the chasing after wealth and status, as mentioned in the song above, but every activity can weaken our connection with our essential nature as simply a child of God.

When one rests, one returns to the position of created in need of the Creator’s provision, of child embraced by the Father, of redeemed by the Savior, of loved without

condition, of recipient of grace. When one shares rest with others or provides rest to others (sometimes we have to take turns), one recognizes the same qualities in them: created, child, redeemed, loved, graced. Indeed, this is getting “back to the basics of love.”

How shall you rest this week where you will be in a position to be loved for no reason at all? The first several times you do it will be burdensome because you have to carve out time for that quiet. You have to remove distractions which may take some planning. You might have to get rid of something you enjoy for something even more fulfilling. You might even have to go without some sleep, in the middle of the night, in order to get real rest. What will happen after that burdensome time will be a relieving of burden. Yes, you will gain spiritual confidence, purpose, and energy for engaging all the rest of your schedule, but more importantly, you will weigh all the other things you do and begin to prune what does not bring the same satisfaction, purpose, or peace to you or to others.

May God bless you as you rest in Him.

New Wednesday Night Classes:

7:00PM

0-4 years - A staffed nursery will be available.

K-6th grade - Trek 812 will be held downstairs

Jr and Sr High – led by Shane

Adults - Brian Wahlen will lead a class about eschatology (the science of last things) in the auditorium.

THIS CLASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED.



“Fun with Mrs. Tammy
on Wednesday night”

Prayer Requests

Susan Foster – is recovering from knee replacement surgery, **Becky Bonacker's** nephew (Gary) – was very ill with COVID 19. But he is doing very well right now, **Hannah Guntert's** friends (The Palmers) – lost their 3 year old son (Truett) after some severe health complications including cancer, stroke and seizures, **Vickie Sullivan's** brother – passed away unexpectedly last week, **Pat Kreisel** – is experiencing some back pain and is limited in her mobility, **Jerry John** passed away last week, **Michael Kennedy** and his fiancé (Helen Isaac) – are recovering from COVID, **Larry Sullivan** – is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery, **Joe Harber's** wife (Charlotte) – is suffering from some ongoing health issues, **Bill Haley's** childhood friend (Mark Lough) passed away last week, **Hannah Guntert's** grandmother (Wanda Thomason) – has been diagnosed with breast cancer, **Mitch and Peggy Rush's** granddaughter (a family from East Independence church) – is suffering from a severe head injury. She is 6 years old. She was in a car accident., **Stormy Cook's** brother (Ralph) – has been put on a liver transplant list, **Hannah Guntert's** cousin (Grant Funderburk) – is in the process of receiving a nerve stimulator implanted in his colon. He is 7 years old, **Jurhee Bench** – is well and is able to leave her room more now, **Buddy and Sharon Self's** daughter (Lisa Self) – has a blood clot and fluid in her lungs. She is slowing regaining her strength, **Shirley Simmons** – is recovering from open heart surgery, **Kelly Seuferling** – **UPDATE: chemo treatments have been delayed. She will have another surgery on the 20th, Flora Swartz's** friend (Joanie Green) – is still taking chemo pills, **Andy Hester, Joel Morehead, Bruce Keeton, Will Kreisel, Lena Bramlett, Dave Nash**

Service Opportunities:

Harvesters

Harvesters serves 26 counties in the KC area. This holiday season they are asking for food donations to pack holiday food boxes. Here are the items needed:

pkg. stuffing mix; 15 oz. cans of sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, and corn; packages of gravy mix, corn bread mix, instant potatoes, and 10 oz. cans of mushroom soup. A collection tub will be in the lobby of the church.

2020 Youth Christmas Project

This year we will be adopting 10 underprivileged kids and buying them Christmas Presents.

If you are interested in donating money to buy presents for these kids add "Youth Christmas Project" to the note section of your offering or give through Breeze.

Birthdays: November 15th – 21st

David Battistelli – 15th

Georgia Battistelli – 15th

Frank Stewart – 15th

Betty Williams – 16th

Wilma Wolverton – 16th

Alexis House – 17th

Maya Turner – 19th

Janessa Carroll – 21st

Karen Etter – 21st

Brenda Herrmann – 21st



David Battistelli is turning 7!!!

Georgia Battistelli is turning 7!!!

Alexis House is turning 20!!!

Announcement:

This Saturday, we will begin concrete repair of the church parking lot. The circle drive will be blocked off. Be prepared to go in and out the same way. Thanks to David Foster for working on this.

children read a bible on the bed – Volodimir Kalina © 123rf.com
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